GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3051
ANSWERED ON:20.03.2008
PRICES OF PATENTED MEDICINES
Sai Shri Nand Kumar;Tripathy Shri Braja Kishore

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set up a committee to examine the issue of price negotiations for patented drugs in the country;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) the details of the terms and reference of the said committee;

(d) whether the said committee has submitted its recommendations;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARTLIAMENTARY AFFIRS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE)

(a) to (f) : Yes, Sir. In February, 2007 the Government constituted a Committee on price negotiations for patented drugs to examine and propose a system of reference pricing/price negotiations/differential prices which may be applied for price negotiations of patented drugs and medical devices before their marketing approval in India. This Committee has not submitted its recommendations to the Government.

STATEMENT

F. No. 1/9/2008 -PI.I
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS
(PI-1 Desk)

Subject: Lok Sabha USQ. No. 3051 for answer on 20.3.2008 regarding PRICES OF PATENTED MEDICINES

This relates to Lok Sabha USQ. No. No. 3051 for answer on 20.3.2008 regarding PRICES OF PATENTED MEDICINES asked by SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY & SHRI NAND KUMAR SAI.The question seeks information as to whether the Government has set up a committee to examine the issue of price negotiations for patented drugs in the country, if so, the details in this regard the details of the terms and reference of the said committee, whether the said committee has submitted its recommendations, if so, the details thereof; and the action taken by the Government thereon.

In February, 2007, a Committee under the Chairmanship of the then Director (PI) now (DS(PI)) was constituted on price negotiations for patented drugs to examine and propose a system of reference pricing/price negotiations/differential prices which may be applied for price negotiations of patented drugs and medical devices before their marketing approval in India.This Committee has already held 3 meetings, however, it is yet to give its recommendations to the Government.

Based on available information a draft reply to parts (a) to (f) of the question has been attempted and submitted for kind consideration / approval of Hon'ble Minister of State (C&F&PA).

(J.S. SIDHU)
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17-3-2008
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